

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Davao del Norte  
ISLAND GARDEN CITY OF SAMAL

OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 203  
Series of 2020

**AN ORDER DIRECTING THE USE OF DESIGNATED PORTS OF ENTRY  
WITHIN THE ISLAND GARDEN CITY OF SAMAL AND SUSPENSION OF  
ALL WATER SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, The Island Garden City of Samal (IGACOS), is composed of several islands strategically situated in the Southern part of the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, the city can be reached from mainland Davao and neighbouring LGUs through various entry points by way of motor boats, ferries and similar transport;

**WHEREAS**, the advent of 2019 coronavirus (COVID 19) disease is now considered by the World Health Organization (WHO) as pandemic, threatening the health and security of all nations including the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 15 of the Constitution provides that the state shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill consciousness among them;

**WHEREAS**, President, Rodrigo R. Duterte had raised the Philippines Code to Red Sublevel 2 due to evidence of local community transmission and prevalence of Coronavirus cases;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government Code, the City Mayor shall exercise general supervision and control over all programs, projects, services, and activities of the city government for the promotion of the general welfare;

**WHEREAS**, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, I hereby designate ports that shall be used exclusively as entry points to the city;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, **AL DAVID T. UY**, City Mayor of the Island Garden City of Samal, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

- a. Declare the use of specified ports of entry within the Island Garden City of Samal;
- b. Suspend all water sports and recreation activities; and
- c. Restrict the entry of all private boats within the municipal waters of Samal.

**SECTION 1. Definition of Terms.**

- a. **Boat** – generally refers to man-powered boats (like rafts, gondolas, kayaks, etc.), sailboats (sail-propelled) and motorboats (engine-powered) including chartered boats.
- b. **Chartered boat** – refer to bareboating, the act of chartering a sailboat/vessel that one lives upon, navigates, and operates for a vacation. Chartered boats are usually boats for hire used for Island Hopping for a group of individuals.

- c. **IGACOS COVID 19 Task Force.** An Inter-Agency Task Force created to manage the threat of corona virus (COVID 19) disease proliferation in the city.
- d. **Port** - is a maritime facility which may comprise one or more wharves where boats may dock to load and discharge passengers and cargo.
- e. **Private boat** – refers to yachts or other leisure/luxury watercraft used for sea navigation and those used for any water sports activities.
- f. **Water sports activities** – refer to fun water activities like diving, kayaking, jets ski driving, snorkelling and similar water sports activities.

**SECTION 2. Ports of Entry.** All boats shall not be permitted to dock on any ports except on the following designated ports of entry:

- a. Sta Cruz Wharf, Talicud Island, Kaputian District
- b. Kaputian Wharf, Kaputian District
- c. Villarica Wharf, Babak District
- d. Kinawitnon Wharf, Babak District
- e. Tagpopongan Wharf, Babak District

**SECTION 3. Private boats.** All private boats, yachts and other leisure boats are prohibited to enter the municipal waters of the city. Private boats already docked in Samal Island shall undergo inspection by Local Health personnel

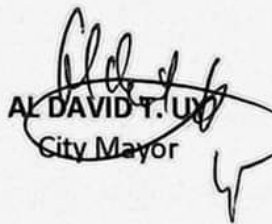
**Section 4. Suspension of Island Hopping and All Water Sports Activities.** Island Hopping and all forms of water sports activities like kayaking, diving, jet skiing, snorkelling, sailing and the like are hereby suspended.

**Section 5. Violations.** Business Permits of persons or entities found violating the provisions of this Order shall be revoked or suspended without need of Judicial Process.

**Section 6. Effectivity.**

This Order is effective upon signing thereof.

Done this 17th of March 2020, Island Garden City of Samal, Province of Davao del Norte.

  
AL DAVID T. UY  
City Mayor